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Dear Dr. Friedman;

I am writing to ask for your support of Docket No. 98P-0151/CP1. As I understand it, a petition has been filed by the Farm Sanctuary, with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) calling for the designation of meat or meat by-products that come from downed animals as "adulterated" which indicates it is diseased. This means that no downed animals could be sold as food fit for human consumption. I am in total support of the elimination of the use of downed animals for food. I also want the government to require that such animals be humanely euthanized. I urge you to support this action.

Since Federal government regulations already prohibit "diseased" animals from being slaughtered and used for human food, and since animals unable to walk are already categorized by the government as "diseased," it only stands to reason that downed animals (non-ambulatory) should be considered "diseased" and prohibited from being marketed.

I am concerned with the humane treatment of farm animals and all living creatures. As a consumer, I also expect that the federal government will ensure the safety of our food supply.

Thank you for your support of Docket No. 98P-0151/CP1.

Sincerely,



Dr. Alison J. Luedicke

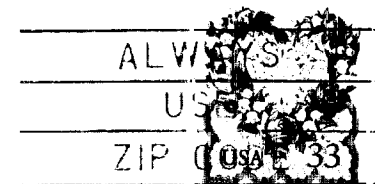
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